

Appl. No. 10/517,402  
Amdt. Dated March 12, 2008  
Reply to Office Action Mailed July 12, 2007

**REMARKS**

The above-identified application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action mailed on July 12, 2007 and the telephone interview conducted on February 8, 2008. By the present amendment, the Applicants have amended claims 21, 35 and 40. It is respectfully submitted that the claims pending in the application, namely claims 21, 23-28, 32-36, and 40-44, are fully supported by the specification, introduce no new matter, and are patentable over the cited references.

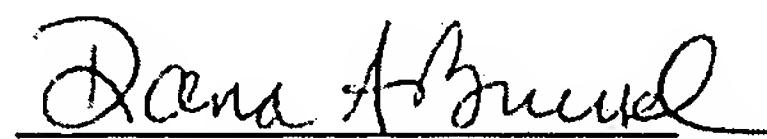
The Applicants would like to thank Examiner Gettman for her time and consideration extended to the Applicants' representatives, Dana A. Brussel and Justin Ripley, during telephone interviews conducted on February 8 and March 10, 2008. During the interviews, Examiner Gettman indicated that once the section 112, first paragraph, rejection was overcome, the claims would be in condition for allowance. Examiner Gettman further indicated the independent claims should be allowable if amended to recite that the common or same plane is "substantially" transverse or "extends through" a longitudinal axis.

In the Office Action, claims 21, 35 and 40 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. In view of Examiner Gettman's helpful suggestions, the Applicants have amended claims 21, 35 and 40 to overcome the section 112 rejection. Since, claims 23-28 and 32-34 depend from claim 21, claim 36 depends from claim 35, and claims 41-44 depend from claim 40, respectively, claims 23-28, 32-34, 36 and 41-44 are also believed to be in condition for allowance.

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Prompt and favorable action on these claims, namely claims 21, 23-28, and 32-44, is earnestly requested. Should the Examiner desire a further telephonic interview to resolve any outstanding matters, the Examiner is sincerely invited to contact the undersigned at (631) 501-5713.

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